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Mr. Joe Kimmel, Jr.

Dear Mr. Kimmel:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter of 6 September concerning the Powers incident.

We cannot undertake to forward your attached letter to Mr. Powers, and it is returned to you herewith. However, your kind comments about our work have been read with interest and we appreciate your courtesy in writing to us as you did.

Sincerely,

Signed

Assistant to the Director

Enclosure

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JOE KIMMEL, Jr.

September 6, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles
c/o Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

We hear so much from so many feature writers about the Powers' case. Perhaps someday you will be able to tell us your story.

I have a great sympathy for Powers, from what I have surmised of the operation. The enclosed letter is something that I wrote; perhaps more than anything else, I wondered just how many Americans would take the time to do so.

If it is not in any conflict with the best interests of our country, I would appreciate it if you would put it in the most logical channels for him to stand the best chance of receiving it.

(Who knows, it may go microfilmed to your agent-jailer in Moscow.)

If satellites are generally accepted as legal reconnaissance tools by the mere fact that neither power can do anything about it, I, for one, can assume the logic that must have prevailed with your people when you were offered the U-2 with its 100,000 foot capabilities. I wish to congratulate the people in your organization who conceived and executed the U-2 flights. They did more to build confidence for the future of our country than anything that has happened in the last ten years.

I mention this as everywhere some small pup is telling us off, confiscating our property, and generally giving us a bad time. I am happy to learn that we are not too stupid to get in and play a little of the game that is forever serving those who are working against our interests.

Sincerely yours,

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